

REMARKS

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claim 5 because of an informality. Applicant could not find the language that the Examiner objected to in claim 5.

Claim Rejections

The Examiner has rejected various claims under various headings, but indicated that claims 8-9, 15-16, and 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has now included the limitations of claims 7 and 8 into independent claim 1, and the limitations of claim 20 into independent claim 19. Applicant has now included the limitations of claim 20 into independent claim 25 as well. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit claim 25 is also patentable over the cited art.

Double Patenting

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-6, 14, 15, 22, and 25-27 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim claims 1-9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,643,132. Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the rejection. Applicant, respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-6, 14, 15, 22, and 25-27 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting.

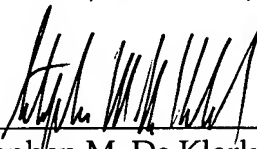
The Examiner has rejected claims 1-8, 14, 17, 19, and 25-27 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim claims 1, 4-8, 12, 13, 15, 20-21, and 26 of U.S. Patent No. 6,693,797. Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the rejection. Applicant, respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-8, 14, 17, 19, and 25-27 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Stephen M. De Klerk at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Any necessary extension of time for response not already requested is hereby requested. Please charge any corresponding fee to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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